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# FEE TRANSMITTAL

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☐ Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.2

## Complete if Known

Application Number 10/696,103  
Filing Date October 29, 2003  
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Examiner Name Teresa J. Walberg  
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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

| Application Type | FILING FEES |                      | SEARCH FEES |                      | EXAMINATION FEES |                      | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
|                  | Fee(\$)     | Small Entity Fee(\$) | Fee(\$)     | Small Entity Fee(\$) | Fee(\$)          | Small Entity Fee(\$) |                |
| Utility          | 300         | 150                  | 500         | 250                  | 200              | 100                  | \$1000.00      |
| Design           | 200         | 100                  | 100         | 50                   | 130              | 65                   | \$             |
| Plant            | 200         | 100                  | 300         | 150                  | 160              | 80                   | \$             |
| Reissue          | 300         | 150                  | 500         | 250                  | 600              | 300                  | \$             |
| Provisional      | 200         | 100                  | 0           | 0                    | 0                | 0                    | \$             |

### 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

#### Fee Description

|   | Small Entity Fee(\$) | Fee(\$) |
|---|----------------------|---------|
| Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent            | 50                   | 25      |
| Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent | 200                  | 100     |
| Multiple dependent claims   | 360                  | 180     |

| Total Claims   | Extra Claims | Fee(\$) | Fee Paid (\$) | Multiple Dependent Claims |
|--|--------------|---------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 7- 20 or HP =  | 0 x          | \$50.00 | =             | Fee(\$)                   |
| HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20 |              |         |               | Fee Paid (\$)             |

| Indep. Claims   | Extra Claims | Fee(\$)  | Fee Paid (\$) |
|---|--------------|----------|---------------|
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| HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3 |              |          |               |

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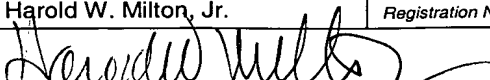
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### 4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Karl P. Kroetsch et al.  
**Appl. No.:** 10/696,103  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 10/14/2005, Applicant wishes to amend the application as follows. A version of the pending claims are presented having necessary markings to show the changes made and the current status of all pending claims in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected on page **2** of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **3** of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **6** of this paper.